

## **AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Page 3, beginning at line 34, please amend the paragraphs as follows:**

The middle node 20 shown in figures 1, 2 and 5 is in one piece, manufactured by extrusion of a light metal alloy, and exhibits an approximately quadratic push-fit body 22 of height  $a$  at the side and breadth  $b$ , the outer contour of which corresponds to the inner contour of the narrower support arm 16, with little play; the faces of its walls 24 are oriented in the direction of displacement or insertion  $x$ . The push-fit body 22 is integrated in and encompassed by a likewise quadratic frame 30 of about half the breadth  $b_1$  and about double the height  $e$  such that the push-fit body 22 forms one frame corner 31 and two of the strip-shaped sides 32 run into the aligned body walls 24, whereby one of the wall edges 26 - the rear edge in figure 5 - coincides with the edge 34 of the related frame side 32 i.e. the push-fit body 22 projects out of one side of the frame 30 by a distance  $f$ ; the latter corresponds approximately to the breadth  $b_1$ .